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December 17, 2003

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Shuichi OHKUBO, Hiromi HONMA, Masatsugu OGAWA,  
Masaki NAKANO, Toshiaki IWANAGA, Yutaka KASHIHARA, Yuji NAGAI  
OPTICAL DISK, OPTICAL DISK RECORDING/REPRODUCTION  
APPARATUS, AND OPTICAL DISK SIGNAL QUALITY EVALUATION  
METHOD  
**Assignees: NEC CORPORATION and KABUSHIKI KAISHA TOSHIBA**  
Our Ref. Q79035

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10/736572  
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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 35 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and 8 sheets of drawings. **Copies of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The Government filing fee is calculated, **after entry of the Preliminary Amendment**, as follows:

Total claims	42	-	20	=	22	x	\$18.00	=	\$396.00
Independent claims	7	-	3	=	4	x	\$86.00	=	\$344.00
Base Fee									\$770.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee									\$290.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<b>\$1800.00</b>

Two checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1800.00 (\$1,510.00 + \$290.00) are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-365772	December 17, 2002
Japan	2003-386726	November 17, 2003

The priority documents will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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